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REMARKS

To date, the Examiner has not indicated that the subject matter of the information disclosure statement (IDS) filed June 2, 2005 has been properly considered. A copy of such IDS is submitted herewith. If the Examiner requires additional copies of any reference(s), applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned. Documentation in the file wrapper of the instant application confirming the Examiner's consideration of the relevant reference(s) is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is thanked for the allowable subject matter of Claims 5 and 14. The Examiner has objected to Claims 5 and 14 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner has further stated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant respectfully asserts that the claims have been amended, as suggested by the Examiner.

The Examiner has rejected the claims provisionally under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1, 6, and 8 of co-pending Application No. 09/921,521. It is noted that Claims 5 and 14 were omitted from such rejection. Since such claims are now incorporated into each of the independent claims, the foregoing rejection is deemed moot.

Thus, all of the independent claims are deemed allowable. Moreover, the remaining dependent claims are further deemed allowable, in view of their dependence on such independent claims.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. The

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Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to
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